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Mr. Howard D. Greyber

Dear Mr. Greyber:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to thank you for the copy of your letter dated 21 March, the original of which was sent to the Secretary of State.

We appreciate your bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Executive Officer

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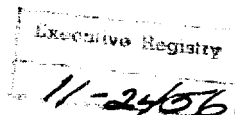
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Secretary of State John Foster Dulles
Walter Reed Hospital
Washington D.C.



Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is sent on the slim chance that the staff will permit you or your brother to read this. The resume, which I happen to have handy, tells who I am. (By the way, your nephew David and I are acquainted)

Essentially this is a plea for you to act to help the Tibetans. Tragically the Truman administration ignored the pleas of Tibet for help when the Chinese invaded in the Fall of 1950, and did not even call a Security Council meeting. You can make up for this now! This is an opportunity for America to support a small, brave, deeply religious people who only desire to govern themselves. Buddhist nations like Burma, Ceylon, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam will cheer if we act now.

Central Asian history and geography happen to be a hobby of mine. The fact that I've read a large fraction of all the books written on Tibet plus some long personal conversations with Heinrich Harrer (author of "Seven Years in Tibet" and former tutor to the Dalai Lama) have convinced me that Tibet wants and deserves aid from America and India to regain her independence. (Ask Lowell Thomas who visited Lhasa in early 1950).

First the president should issue a lengthy statement reciting the history of Tibet, describing its unique religious institutions and deploring the brutal Chinese occupation of a weak neighbor nation. The statement should ask India, Nepal and Burma to join with the U.S. and Britain in and appeal to Communist China to (1) stop the flow of Chinese arms and men into Tibet (2) help arrange a cease fire (3) help arrange for the peaceful return of the Chinese garrison to China. We should simultaneously call for an immediate meeting of the UN Security Council, with India, Burma and Nepal attending, to pass resolutions supporting Tibetan independence.

Lastly Ike should send a public letter to Nehru asking him to fly troops and supplies to Lhasa to help the Tibetan fighters, if other methods fail. USAF transport planes would be offered for help in the airlift, (the Chinese have built at least one airstrip in the Lhasa area). Indian Gurkha troops (natives of Nepal) would be ideal for this operation.

One should remember that if properly equipped the Tibetans could hold off armies many times their size due to the mountainous terrain, high passes, weather, etc.. In good conscience, we must act no less decisively than if rich U.S. oil interests were involved.

With best wishes for your speedy recovery, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Howard D. Greyber

cc. Mr. Allan Dulles (CIA).